

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JESSE W. COOK, SGT. WILLIAM SCHULTZ, AND SGT. STEPHAN NEESE.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 16, 1996*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, at a time when crime concerns are on every citizen's mind, those who have dedicated their lives to law enforcement are to be commended. I would like to make a special commendation to three law enforcement officers from Indiana's First Congressional District: Chief Jesse W. Cook, Sgt. William Schultz, and Sgt. Stephan Neese. Chief Cook will retire in October of this year, Sergeant Schultz will retire this month, and Sergeant Neese retired back in May of this year. These three men celebrated their retirement at a testimonial dinner on Friday, September 13, 1996, at Teibel's Restaurant in Schererville, IN.

When Chief Cook began his career at the Schererville Police Department in 1972 as a juvenile detective, he was one of only seven officers. Currently, the Schererville Police Department boasts 37 police officers. After working his way up the ranks, he became chief of police in 1972. During his distinguished career, Chief Cook completed studies at the FBI National Academy in 1984, and he earned a degree in criminal justice from Indiana University Northwest in 1994.

Sergeants Schultz and Neese each served 20 years with the Schererville Police Department. In 1976, they both began their careers as probationary patrolmen. Sergeant Schultz was next assigned as the Schererville Police Department's first K-9 officer, and Sergeant Neese became the department's first accident reconstructionist. Sergeant Neese was instrumental in developing this particular department. Both men worked diligently through the ranks to earn their final appointments as sergeant.

These brave men can be proud of their service to Indiana's First Congressional District. They worked hard to make the town of Schererville a safer place in which to live and work. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Jesse W. Cook, Sgt. Stephan Neese, and Sgt. William Schultz on their service and dedication to the citizens of Schererville.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES BRAITHWAIT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 16, 1996*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a dedicated Missourian, Charles Braithwait, who will retire this year from his

position as executive director of West Central Missouri Community Action Agency.

Mr. Braithwait is employed as the first and thus far the only executive director of the West Central Missouri Community Action Agency, having held the position since June 1966. Under Mr. Braithwait's direction, West Central Missouri Community Action Agency has grown from a limited purpose agency with an initial grant of \$50,000 to a multifaceted community-based organization with an annual operating budget of more than \$12 million. West Central Missouri Community Action Agency provides a full array of services for low-income clients in 15 Missouri counties.

Charles Braithwait has also served as the chairman of the Local Area Manpower Planning Board, chairman of the Local Council on Aging, chairman of the Local Central Board for Distance Learning, member of the Local Private Industry Council, president of the Missouri Community Action Agencies Executive Directors Association, member of the Missouri Governor's Commission on Energy Conservation, member of the Missouri State Housing Committee, member of the Missouri Association for Community Action Board of Directors, member of the Midwest Assistance Program Board of Directors, president of the National Community Action Agencies Executive Directors Association, president of the National Community Action Foundation, member of President Ford's National Advisory Council on Economic Development, member of the National Association for Community Development Board of Directors, member of the National Action Committee for Community Services Board of Directors, member of the Office of Community Services Task Force on Monitoring and Assessment.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues in the House will want to join me in commending Charles Braithwait for the outstanding public service he has given to the people of Missouri, and our country.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 16, 1996*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable circumstances, I was unable to vote on House rollcall vote No. 413, the conference report on energy and water appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

ASSYRIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB OF TURLOCK CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 16, 1996*

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, Joash Paul, Jessie Yohannan, and Joe K. Yonan, were among a group of local area Assyrians who founded the Assyrian-American Civic Club of Turlock.

As with most fledgling organizations, there were hurdles to be overcome, but Joash Paul, Jessie Yohannan, and Joe K. Yonan, along with their colleagues met and successfully dealt with every challenge.

Their dedication of purpose and their foresight has been proven beneficial to both the Assyrian and non-Assyrian communities of Stanislaus County.

The club, throughout the years, has been a focal point for the growing Assyrian community while helping to preserve Assyrian heritage for generations yet unborn.

The Assyrian-American Civic Club proudly points to a long history of service to the community. Service which includes:

Scholarships to hundreds of high school and university students;

Financial aid to community projects, churches, and charitable organizations;

The establishment of radio and television programming for the perpetuation of Assyrian culture; and

A facility to enable Assyrians to come together for social, recreational, and educational activities.

The Assyrian-American Civic Club proudly salutes Joash Paul, Jessie Yohannan, and Joe K. Yonan, and all those, that 50 years ago, unselfishly dedicated themselves to creating an organization which today stands out as one of the largest and finest of its kind in the world.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, DR. EDGAR WAYBURN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 16, 1996*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Edgar Wayburn, legendary champion of the environment and human health, celebrates his 90th birthday on September 17. His 90 years represent a lifetime of commitment to the causes of protecting the environment and promoting human health throughout the world. Dr. Wayburn is an example to all of us.

For more than five decades, Dr. Wayburn was a dedicated physician who worked to improve the human condition, as well as the environmental condition of our planet. His interest in the environment stemmed from his work

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